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Title: LIGHT DIFFRACTION METHOD AND DIFFRACTION
DEVICE, DIFFRACTION GRATING USED FOR THEM,
AND POSITION ENCODING DEVICE

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report, mailed October 5, 2004 (previously submitted December 20, 2005).

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each non-U.S. document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

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US 2003/0031846 A1 corresponds to JP 2003-119623 (previously submitted December 20, 2005).

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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